

**IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant	:	Benkowski et al.	Assignee	:	Micromed Technology, Inc.
Filed	:	07/07/2004	Title	:	Blood Pump System and Method of Operation
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Examiner	:	George R. Evanisko			
Docket No.	:	0021906.023US			
Customer No.	:	22904			

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the subject application as set forth herein. This Amendment is filed within four (4) months of the mailing date of the Office Action and, therefore, Applicant requests a one (1) month extension of time.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Assignees' **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.